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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING

REF: USNATO 3801

1. EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP OF AD-70 WILL TAKE UP TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ITS STUDY OF BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING ON SEPTEMBER 13, SINCE IMS REPRESENTATIVE WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT TERMS OF REFERENCE AS DRAFTED.

2. IMS (WITH APPROVAL OF MC) IS ASKING FOR THREE CHANGES IN TERMS OF REFERENCE (AC/281-D(73)2, TEXT IN REF TEL):

A. IN PARAGRAPH 2 AND WHEREEVER ELSE OCCURING IN PAPER, CHANGE /INSURE A SUBSTANTIAL CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY" TO "INSURE AN ADEQUATE CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY." IMS STATES THAT "NATO ALREADY POSSESSES A SUBSTANTIAL CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT THE TASK."

B. IN PARAGRAPH 4, DELETE THE WORDS "WHERE THESE ARE AGREED TO BE SATISFACTORY." IMS STATES THAT NEITHER NEW CONFIDENTIAL

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FORCE GOALS NOR PRIORITIES CAN BE ESTABLISHED ON THE BASIS OF STUDIES CONDUCTED IN ISOLATION FROM OVERALL DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS.

C. IN PARAGRAPH 8, CHANGE LAST SENTENCE TO READ:

" DURING THE COURSE OF THE STUDY THE EWG MAY INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION OF EXISTING CRITERIA AND THE NEED FOR ANY CHANGE THERETO."

3. ON THE FIRST CHANGE, WE WOULD PREFER THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE BUT WOULD ACCEPT IMS CHANGE IF CONSENSUS EMERGES.

4. WE FIND SECOND CHANGE UNACCEPTABLE. IF ADOPTED AND INTERPRETED AT FACE VALUE, IT WOULD MEAN THAT EWG COULD NOT RECOMMEND INCREASED PRIORITY FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE THREE FIELDS CONCERNED, IF THIS WERE SEEN AS JUSTIFIED. WE PROPOSE TO SUPPORT RETENTION OF ORIGINAL LANGUAGE.

5. WE FIND THIRD CHANGE ACCEPTABLE; WE UNDERSTAND SHAPE REPORTS, WHICH ARE DONE BY 1 SEPTEMBER, WILL BE MAINLY FACTUAL. HENCE EWG COULD ASSUME ROLE OF EXAMINING CRITERIA.

6. WASHINGTON ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS FOR OUR USE SEPTEMBER 13.
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